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SUBJECT: STATUS OF OECD COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

REFS: A) STATE 217628 B) PARIS 30475 C) USOECD 29270

1. MISSION APPRECIATES PROMPT DEPARTMENTAL ACTION TO PROVIDE MINIMAL COMMUNICATION FACILITY AND ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY BE UPGRADED AT EARLY DATE.

2. ALTHOUGH WELCOMING IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY SET OUT IN REF A, MISSION NOTES WITH CONCERN THAT THIS CAPABILITY ONLY PARTIALLY FOLLOWS RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 4, REF B. MISSION ENDORSED THOSE RCO RECOMMENDATIONS SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE PROVIDED BASIC COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY WE REQUIRE. MISSION BELIEVES THAT RESTRICTION TO RECEIVE ONLY CAPABILITY AT CONFIDENTIAL OR BELOW LEVEL AND INABILITY TO RECEIVE OR TRANSMIT PRIVACY CATEGORY INFORMATION MAY PROVE TO BE SERIOUSLY INADEQUATE SHOULD A CRITICAL EMERGENCY SITUATION DEVELOP REQUIRING AN IMMEDIATE FULFILLMENT OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE IEA. IN INITIAL ACTIVE STAGE OF SUCH AN EMERGENCY, IT IS PROBABLE THAT COMMUNICATIONS WOULD BE AT OR ABOVE THE CONFIDENTIAL LEVEL AND WOULD BE CAPTIONED EXDIS OR LIMDIS. UNDER SUCH AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, IT IS ALSO PROBABLE THAT

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WE WOULD HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR TRANSMITTING CAPABILITY.

3. ALTHOUGH MISSION DOES NOT WANT TO DELAY INSTALLATION
OF RECEIPT ONLY COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY, WE WOULD URGE
DEPARTMENTAL RECONSIDERATION OF OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE BY RCO.
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